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### **SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS STATEMENT ON BOARD'S VOTE ON ARIZONA BOYCOTT ISSUE**

"I have been a student and devotee of nonviolence for more than 30 years. The most fundamental tenet of nonviolence is non-cooperation with unjust laws and discriminatory practices. One of the time honored tactics of nonviolent direct action is the economic boycott. For this reason, my viewpoint, which has been shaped in large part by my many years of reflection and action in support of civil rights, compels me to support this resolution in an effort to bring an end to what I believe to be an unjust law. I vote aye in the hope that our action will help swiftly bring an end to this civil rights crisis and restore fairness under the law."

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